

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 26, 2006, Applicant provides the following amendments and remarks for the patent application referenced above. The two-month deadline for filing this Response is November 26, 2006. Thus, this Response is timely filed (November 26 falling on a Sunday).

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this Response.